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Thursday, February 3, 1966

## Council Plans Meeting on Schools; Agrees to Drop Smith-Ewing Appeal

by Mary Smith

At a special meeting last Friday, Jan. 23, the City Council voted unanimously to dismiss an appeal filed last August by the city against a July 1965 District Council ruling on zoning in the Smith-Ewing tract. Also, Mayor Edgar Smith announced plans for an informal public meeting on the school sites to be held in Greenbelt on Feb. 8, to which the city has invited the entire county delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, the state senator (Fred Wineland), the school board and the County Commissioners.

The city was advised by its zoning attorney, Joseph A. DePaul, to withdraw the appeal against zoning of the Smith-Ewing tract because the aim of the appeal - to prevent a possible successful request by the owner of the tract to reverse single-family zoning north of Glenn Dale Road - has now been fulfilled. Council voted unanimously, 4 - 0, to dismiss the appeal (Councilman Hoff being absent). Council then officially adjourned but continued in unofficial session to discuss the status of the school sites and future plans for endeavoring to reverse the decision of the school board to locate a senior high school on Parcel 2 near the sanitary landfill.

Mayor Smith reported that at a meeting of the Md. Municipal League held in Annapolis last Thursday, Jan. 29, at which the city manager and councilmen were present, conversations relative to the location of the school were held with members of the State Delegation to the General Assembly and also with members of the State Education Committee. The Education Committee has a future meeting scheduled with the Board of Education and it is understood that Greenbelt's position on the school sites will be discussed then.

Mayor Smith, referring to the Feb. 8 meeting with county officials, said that he hoped for a large turnout of the public because, "I want the county delegation to see the interest and concern of the people of this city about location of the schools." Most members of council concurred, but Councilman Champion thought a large meeting would be unwieldy, with perhaps twenty-seven officials and a large crowd present. He declared, "If you make it a public meeting you can bet your bottom dollar you won't accomplish anything but a rehash of the old story."

### Nursery School Meeting

The Greenbelt Nursery School will hold a membership meeting at 8:15 p.m., Monday, February 7, in Fellowship Hall behind the Community Church. At 9 p.m. the general public is invited to attend a meeting on the Montessori Method. Mrs. John Fallon of Robindale School will lead the discussion.

#### NOTICE

##### Cancellation of Meeting

The Greenbelt Sickles for Governor Committee will not meet on Tuesday, February 8. The cancellation is the result of the open hearing on the school site which has been scheduled for 8 p.m. on the same night in the City Council room. We urge all members of GSFG to attend this meeting. Our next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15 in the city offices.

## Background on School Sites

The purpose of the informal public meeting scheduled for next Tuesday (Feb. 8) in the Municipal Building is to acquaint county and State officials of the city's deep concern with the recent action of the County Board of Education in locating a senior high school on parcel 2 next to the city landfill (dump).

Letters of invitation have gone to the County Delegation to the State Legislature, County Senator Fred Wineland, the County Commissioners, MNCPPC Chairman William Stevens, Superintendent of Schools William Schmidt, and the Board of Education.

In the invitation letter, Mayor Edgar Smith referred to the poor traffic accessibility of parcel 2 and the detrimental effects this decision will have on master plans prepared for this area. He also relayed the fears of an added tax burden resulting from the need to widen roads and construct new sidewalks to serve the school.

Mayor Smith expressed hope that such a meeting will secure a satisfactory solution to the problem.

In January 1965 the Board of Education rejected the parcel 2 site for a senior high school because it lacked a back (perimeter road) and the existing roads were considered inadequate to handle the heavy school traffic. The city feels that nothing in the past year has changed to make this site any more desirable.

The city council, with the support of GHI, CFPD and other groups, has endorsed the parcel 15 site near the Beltway Lake for a senior high school because of its advantages in terms of traffic accessibility, pedestrian safety, central location, and scenic location. This site was also the choice of the City's Advisory Planning Board and hired professional planner. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission had reserved this tract for a senior high school in its Area 13 plan.

Because of its choice location, the city has even offered to purchase 5 of the 25 acres required for a senior high school in order to secure a school-park complex on the Beltway-Lake site.

The school board justifies its latest choice by pointing out that it can acquire the land near the dump on Parcel 2 at a much lower price than the land near the Beltway. Both pieces of property are owned by the same developer (Bresler-Lerner), who has expressed interest in using the Beltway-Lake site for a multiple-family development.

City officials note that the apparent difference in costs relates only to the initial land acquisition costs. When all development costs are considered, the difference in total costs narrows considerably.

All aspects of the location of the senior high school will be discussed at the Tuesday meeting. The public is invited.

## GHI PROTESTS SCHOOL LOCATION CITES LOSS OF MEMBERS' YARDS

by Sid Kastner

The board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. made it clear, at Thursday night's regular meeting, that they regard the recent Board of Education decision to locate a school complex on Parcel 2 as a blow to the planned concept of Greenbelt. They reasserted their opposition to such a move and acted to put their stand on record with the appropriate governmental bodies. Other issues taken up were the court parking question, and rezoning and release of land for the new homes to be built by GHI.

Chairman Charles Schwan informed the board of a recent meeting held by the City Council with the County Delegation, at which the need for new legislation in planning and zoning was discussed. He also outlined the present efforts of the Citizens For a Planned Greenbelt group, and suggested that GHI had a valuable part to play in the present school site issue. Manager Roy Breashears noted that there were several aspects of the issue that were critical to GHI, among them the fact that Ridge Rd. would probably have to be widened, cutting off homeowners' yards, and also tax effects would be felt. Director Nat Shinderman emphasized the damage that would be done to the esthetic planned nature of Greenbelt, as something that is less concrete but just as important as the more material things.

A motion was introduced by Director Gerry Gough to implement the thinking of the board, as follows: "In view of the problems that would arise from placement of the high school on Parcel 2, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. urges the Prince Georges County legislative delegation and County Commissioners to lend their efforts to cause the County

Board of Education to consider changing the high school site to Parcel 15 or other suitable site. Failing this, we request that the delegation and County Commissioners ask the Board of Education not to locate the high school in Greenbelt." All the directors indicated their complete agreement with the intent of this motion. Shinderman felt only that the last statement might seem somewhat negative, but this was not the feeling of the others, so that the motion passed unanimously. A communication to the above effect will be sent to the governmental bodies concerned. By a companion motion, which Gough also introduced, supporting material and information will be sent to these bodies by GHI.

As a footnote to the action taken, Schwan urged all members to sign the petition currently being circulated by CFPD.

Manager Breashears related that with respect to the court parking matter he had spoken with city manager James Giese; there are three aspects involved - assigning the parking spaces, policing them, and maintaining them. Giese informed him that if GHI assigned the courts, the city could not police them. Giese will, however, propose an ordinance that will regulate parking to some extent, in that cars would be required to park between the lines. On a motion by director John O'Reilly the problem was assigned to a special ad hoc committee to produce a proposed plan of action for the time the city does repeal the ordinance in question. Seymour Kaplan from the floor again voiced his concern, as he had at a previous meeting, that GHI should take some action to prevent loss of title to the court

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## Greenbelt Digs Out Following Blizzard; Situation In Hand

by Dorothy Sucher

Death took a holiday in Greenbelt during the snow emergency; so did birth and so did crime. Police, fire and rescue, Civil Defense, and medical personnel had their hands full anyway, and all told the same story: in an emergency, people can be wonderful (especially the snow-removal crews of the Public Works Dept.), and they can also be pretty wacky.

### CD Shelter at Armory

Interstate travellers stranded in the county during the snow emergency were aided by county Civil Defense personnel. A total of 1100 were housed in eight shelters, including CD headquarters at the Greenbelt Armory. Citizens took many others into their homes.

Most of the motorists were picked up by state policemen along Route 301, the main highway from Miami to New York. A total of 20 at the Greenbelt Armory, including five children, were furnished with hot food, cots, and blankets. The Armory was opened at 9 p.m. Sunday, and improved road conditions made it possible for the travellers to leave by Monday noon.

Civil Defense Director R. Hal Silvers also encountered a few road problems. He found the snow on

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by Virginia Beauchamp

Like the rest of the metropolitan area, Greenbelt — official and private — spent the weekend and the early part of the week digging out of the blizzard of 1966. The most serious problems affecting this city were those arising from mechanical breakdown of snow-removal equipment and street clogging by parked and stalled cars. But there were few fire and ambulance calls and similar emergencies, which added moments of drama and tragedy in other communities in the area.

"Probably the best snow removal job in the county"—that was the assessment of Greenbelt Police Chief William Lane, in discussing the work of the city's Public Works Dept. during the hectic days after the Great Snow. Lane added: "I'm sure it's held our accident rate down. We've had some accidents, but not many; and none of them was serious. Some of the city crews worked 26 hours at a stretch, and I take my hat off to them."

More praise for the men of the Public Works Dept. came from City Manager James Giese, who noted that they will receive only their regular hourly wage for these overtime hours—nothing extra. Giese also thanked "the many citizens who helped us by helping themselves."

Working around the clock on Saturday and Sunday and until midnight on Monday and effectively led by untiring Public Works Superintendent Bud Attick, a crew of 5 or 6 heavy equipment operators managed to get all streets cleared for two-way traffic. The city had cleared no parking courts as of Tuesday morning, and only the sidewalks in the commercial center had been shoveled out (by hand) by city workers. However, as City Manager James K. Giese noted, many residents of courts picked up shovels and dug out court parking areas themselves. By Tuesday morning most of these were "in

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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Mon., February 7, 1966

#### I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to order
- 2 Roll call
- 3 Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 17, 1966 and Special Meeting of January 24, 1966
- 4 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

#### II COMMUNICATIONS

- 5 Petitions and Requests
- 6 Administrative Reports
- 7 Committee Reports

#### III OLD BUSINESS

- 8 Approval of Bill -Swimming Pool Construction Fund
- 9 School Sites
- 10 Special Memorial Committee Recommendations

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 11 Reclassification
- 12 Incentives for Green Space
- 13 Appointments to Boards
- 14 Status of Charter Review Committee
- 15 Meeting with Little League

### WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Feb. 7 - 8 p.m. City Council Meeting

Tues., Feb. 8 - 8 p.m. Public Meeting - Senior High School Site - Municipal Bldg.

8 p.m. First Aid Class - Greenbelt Fire House

Wed., Feb. 9 - 8 p.m. Co-op Homemakers Open House Co-op Hospitality Room

Thurs., Feb. 10 - 8 p.m. Woman's Club Meeting Community Church

### BOY SCOUT WEEK

Boy Scout Week—Feb. 7 to 13—will be celebrated this year with the theme "Breakthrough for Youth." Features of Boy Scout Week will include window displays and live demonstrations.

Uniform Day is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, when Scouts will attend school in uniform and be prepared to tell about their participation in the Scout program. Most Scout units will also take part in the traditional rededication to the Cub Scout Promise, Boy Scout Oath, or Explorer Code at 8:15 p.m., on February 8.



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### Proposes Location For Post Office; Senior Center To the Editor:

I believe the City-owned land north of the Greenbelt Shopping Center and east of the swimming pool would be an excellent location for both new facilities proposed for Greenbelt—the Post Office and the Senior Citizens Center.

The Post Office could be on the west side of the tract, backing on the swimming pool and facing east. In architecture it could be similar to the new Municipal Building and the Youth Center. The Senior Citizens Center could be on the east end of the tract, facing the Post Office. The land between would be an appropriate extension of the Shopping Center Mall. It could include Candy Cane City, horseshoe pitching and shuffleboard courts, as well as trees, walks and benches.

The two buildings could be set back from the north parking lot with a tree lined walk bordering the parking, much like the trees and walk along Centerway. At the east and west ends could be service drives going behind the two buildings.

If this were done the stream running through there would be piped and covered over until it reaches Braden Field. Then a walk could be built through the woods east of Braden Field from the extended mall to the Fire House, and additional parking could be built behind the Fire House. This could be used for the Fire House, for Braden Field, and the Senior Citizens Center. A fine picnic area could be developed in the woods along the new walkway and stream east of Braden Field.

This involves City land, and I believe none of it should be sold, but rather leased. In fact, I think the City should build the Post Office and lease it to the Federal Government, if the Federal Government won't build it.

#### Senior Citizens Center

The Senior Citizens Center would be approximately 50 feet wide and 200 feet long. The ground floor would contain a Golden Age Club Room, a dining room, an art room, a ceramics room, a sewing room, and a wood and metal working shop. These last four rooms would be open to the public at a nominal charge for classes, as well as open work periods. Above the ground floor would be three floors containing approximately sixty small, air-conditioned apartments for single people or couples 62 years of age or older.

The Senior Citizens Center would be cooperatively owned, and financed with a 100% mortgage loan from the Federal Government. The Cooperative membership fee would be \$25; down payments on the apartments would be \$300; and monthly charges, including all utilities and redecorating would be approximately \$75 for a single person and \$100 for a couple. Residents would have to eat at least one meal a day in the dining room, and other Senior Citizens in Greenbelt could join the Cooperative to eat one or more meals a day there regularly.

The Senior Citizens Housing Cooperative is already organized. The following men serve on its Board of Directors: Charles McDonald, Kenneth Baker, Charles Schwan, George Reeves, Bruce Bowman, Leo Walder and James Cassels. Any of us will be glad to give interested people more information. But a membership campaign won't be started until there is agreement as to where the building is to be located.

James J. Cassels

### TIPS FOR GREENBELTERS FACING WINTRY WEATHER

#### Fire Hydrants

Residents are asked not to throw snow on top of fire hydrants when shovelling driveways. Fire hoses are useless until firemen can locate and unearth buried hydrants.

#### Parking Rules

Police Chief William Lane warns motorists against parking on the travelled portions of cleared streets, leaving only a single lane for traffic. "If you must park," says the chief, "get off the travelled portion of the road." Vehicles will continue to be towed away, and fines range to \$100 plus towing costs.

In general, local parking laws are relaxed during snow emergencies except for vehicles blocking streets, fire hydrants, and entrances and exits.

#### Frostbite

Be alert for frostbite when temperatures are low, especially in youngsters. Physicians recommend limiting the time small children may play outdoors.

Check the extremities: noses, hands, and feet. Snow inside boots and gloves may melt and then refreeze. In case of frostbite or near frostbite, thaw the affected part slowly with warm water or cloths, gradually increasing the temperature. NEVER RUB WITH SNOW!

Real frostbite is a medical problem in which the areas become white and numb. Follow the above procedures and call a doctor. If the areas remain pink, home remedies will probably suffice.

### Medicare Eligibility

If you are over 65—but have never received a Social Security, railroad retirement, civil service or welfare check—you are still eligible for Medicare. However, you must sign up before March 31 this year to receive any benefits.

If you do not contact your local Social Security office in Silver Spring and apply for Medicare by that date, you will have to wait until the next enrollment period—Oct. 1, 1967 - Dec. 30, 1967—with coverage beginning on July 1, 1968. Such a delay could cause undue hardship for older persons and their families.

Men or women who have been self-employed—farmers, ministers, doctors, nurses, owners of small businesses—or their widows are all eligible.

### City Notes

An out-of-court settlement on Wednesday, January 26, ended the city's suit against developers of the Boxwood subdivision for the drainage problem off Lastner Lane into Empire Place in Lakewood. Settled earlier were suits by the two private residents of Empire Place whose properties were most damaged by the run-off of mud and water from the hill above. Kingspoint Homes, the corporation which has purchased Ivy Homes from the original developer against whom the suit was made, arranged the settlement with the city solicitor. It includes the payment of \$2000 to reimburse the city for expenses in cleaning up the run-off, as well as a bond to construct a storm sewer for the area. In addition, Kingspoint Homes have graded and sodded the hillside in question.

A solution may be in sight—though no final arrangements have yet been made—to finding another access road into Springhill Lake. Prospects for obtaining a right of way through the junior high school site look promising, city council members learned in a meeting last week with the owners of the subdivision.

The office of Senator Daniel B. Brewster announced last week that the authorization by the U. S. Post Office Dept. to build a new post-office in Greenbelt amounted to \$100,000.

#### LASTNER IMPROVING

County Commissioner Frank J. Lastner, a long time resident of Greenbelt, was stricken by a heart attack Thursday, Jan. 27. Lastner, 57 years old, is a past mayor of Greenbelt and has served as chairman of the county's board of commissioners from 1962 to 1964. He is now being treated in Prince Georges Hospital, and is reported to be on the road to recovery.

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good shape," Giese reported.

#### Street Clearing

There is no particular order of priority in street clearance, Giese pointed out, although first attention is given to the main arteries—Crescent, Ridge, Southway, and Edmonston Road. After that, residential streets are cleared on section-by-section basis, as city crews are able to reach them.

Hardest hit in this blizzard were the Springhill Lake subdivision and the area of the Lakeside North apartments, due partly to serious drifting by high winds, but more particularly to the large numbers of parked cars which blocked access for snow-clearing equipment.

As soon as the streets were cleared, residents would dig out their cars and park them in the cleared sections, immediately cutting down the roadway to a single lane. As a result, starting Tuesday night, the Police Dept. was rigidly enforcing No Parking restrictions on Edmonston Rd., with any vehicles left there by Tuesday night being towed away. Emergency No Parking signs were being erected along that roadway. With private cars of government workers out of the way during the day on Tues-

day, however, the owners of the Springhill Lake development were able to do a fair job of snow removal from the parking areas. In Lakeside North, this was not the case, because the owners had been unable to hire sub-contractors to cart the snow away. Ridge Rd. was open in only one lane, as was Crescent, because of the large number of parked cars near the apartment development.

#### Mechanical Breakdowns

One of the most important city workers on Sunday was the mechanic, who struggled all day to keep snow removal equipment in good working order. Such problems as slipped clutches were not uncommon—though anticipated. As had been pointed out in the City Notes column last week, many streets in the subdivisions offer obstacles to snowplows—usually in the form of manhole covers that protrude above the level of the pavement. After the streets receive their final paving, these manholes will then be flush with the level of the street. In the meantime, obstructions of this sort in Boxwood, Springhill Lake, Charlestowne Village, and Lakeside extended have caught the snowplows from time to time.

#### Local Stores Busy

In Greenbelt's commercial center, business was reported heavier than usual by both the supermarket and High's. Because deliveries were curtailed, the demand was sometimes difficult to meet. Goods most severely affected were those, such as eggs and milk, which come directly from the farmer. He was snowed in, too! Soft drinks, bread, and fresh fruit and vegetables were also in short supply. Meat, which is transported mostly by rail, was more readily available.

The bank, the postoffice, and the cleaner's were all closed on Monday. Most of the other businesses managed to stay open for at least part of the day. But comfort was another matter. A leaky steam pipe leading from the central furnace to the Ben Franklin store soon covered the basement floor with water. Very little damage to merchandise, however, was reported by Harry Weiner, manager. A local citizen reported that steam came up into the telephone booth outside the store while he was putting through a call.

Somehow or other, a plumbing firm was able to get through to Greenbelt and was in the process Tuesday of putting things to rights—although this meant digging up a good portion of the snow-covered sidewalk area in the heart of the business district. Until the work was completed, the local stores went without heat.

Although the postoffice was closed to patrons, postoffice workers went about their appointed rounds, making mail pickups from deposit boxes and sending it out of town. Greenbelt mail was taken to College Park. From there College Park postal workers took it to Hyattsville. To complete the trip, Hyattsville delivery men got it to the main postoffice in Washington.

#### City Employees

All members of the Public Works Dept. put in many overtime hours,

and most of the other city employees also showed up for work on Monday. Those few who could not make it will be allowed to take annual leave for the time missed, or make it up in overtime work later on, according to the city manager.

There was no refuse collection on Monday because trucks could not get through. On Tuesday the regular Tuesday schedule obtained. Wednesday schedules were expected to be slow because of the larger loads to be collected.

#### Snow Removal Equipment

Going into the winter of 1965-66 Greenbelt had four pieces of snow removal equipment, which was (and is still) considered quite adequate for any "usual" snowfall. These included a 2-ton truck with plow, a one-and-a-half ton truck with plow a small front-end loader (tractor), and a jeep with plow. In addition, another one-and-a-half-ton truck is used for spreading salt and other work. (City officials have been considering the purchase of a rubber-tired front-end loader, which could be used also for snow removal, though its main use would be at the landfill.) As of Tuesday morning, no extra contract equipment had been rented—mainly because it was not available.

#### Vignettes Around Town

An unidentified woman, said to live at the foot of Maplewood Ct., reported that she had rescued two ducks and was sheltering them at her home, suspecting that other hungry ducks in the flock were planning to cannibalize them. Apparently she would welcome some assistance, but News Review staff members were unable to locate her. If she will call again, we will be glad to offer her publicity.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dreyer, 9 Olivewood Ct., walked around the entire circumference of Greenbelt Lake on Monday to locate the ducks and feed them. They have been feeding them regularly every morning during the cold weather.

One angry man from Springhill Lake called the city manager's office to report that a parking place he had worked for hours to clear out had been stolen by a late-comer on the scene. But another resident of the subdivision tried a different approach. He left a broom handle sticking out of the snowbank adjacent to his cleared space. A note tied to the handle read, "I spent two hours digging this out. Please don't take it."

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister  
Friday: 6:45 a.m. Youth Breakfast  
Saturday: 7:30 p.m. Young Adults meet at church to visit Potter's House.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Church School Grade 5 through adults.  
10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday. Holy Communion. Church School infants through grade 4.  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Fellowship  
4:45 p.m. All Youth Supper. Guest speaker, Mr. Phil Perkins.  
Monday: 8:00 p.m. Ecumenical discussions, Cheverly Community Church.  
(A United Church of Christ)

### MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Perry F. Miller, Pastor

Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Classes for pre-schoolers and Nursery provided  
40 Ridge Rd., 474-9410 \* \* \* Parsonage, 474-7293

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Training Union  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evangelistic Hour  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR 4-4477  
Edward H. Birner, Pastor, GR 4-9200  
WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.  
WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN  
AND NURSERY



## Open Meeting

At Greenbelt Municipal Building

Tuesday, February 8, 8 p.m.

To Discuss

## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SITE

With Invited County and State Officials

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

(Space purchased by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.)



## The Police Blotter

A case of breaking and entering at the Consumers Discount pharmacy occurred on Thursday, Jan. 20, between 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. The thief, who was evidently in a hurry, broke a glass pane in a door, ransacked the pharmaceutical area, and stole narcotics of undetermined value. An inventory is now being taken, and the police are investigating.

Police have closed two recent cases of breaking and entering at the Lakeside North apartments and recovered some of the stolen property. A man in his twenties is being held, and investigation is continuing into a series of similar incidents in nearby communities.

Greenbelt Police Chief William Lane explained that the thief's method was to visit an apartment house, pick out several names from the mailboxes, telephone, and then break into the apartments whose occupants did not answer the telephone. No traces of forced entry were found, because the thief slipped the locks by using a plastic playing card.

Chief Lane advises residents of apartments to install "Deadlocks" if their present locks are not tamper-proof. If the doors lack peepholes, Lane also recommends installing chain bolts, especially for women who are alone, so that they can see their callers before opening the door all the way.

Several cases of vandalism to model homes in Boxwood Village were closed this week with the apprehension of a group of boys ranging in age from 11 to 13. The parents will pay for the damages, which include floors warped by running water and holes kicked in the ceilings from the attic. None of the boys had had any previous contact with the police, who reported that most of the parents were very cooperative.

Two runaway juveniles, a boy of 15 and a girl of 16, are home this week after a jaunt to Florida. Greenbelt police alerted law enforcement officials in Florida, who picked up the missing pair. Members of their families brought them home.

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the Armory driveway so thick when he arrived that he simply backed into a drift and hiked the rest of the way to his headquarters on foot. Emerging 26 weary hours later, Silvers discovered his car had been hauled away by the police.

### Police Activities

Calls for assistance kept the Police Department busy, although there was little crime during the snow emergency. Police dug out many stranded motorists and picked up others, taking them to their destinations in Greenbelt or to the police station to await transportation.

All Greenbelt policemen managed to report for duty, except one who was stranded in West Virginia while off duty. Several officers residing outside Greenbelt spent the night here, doubling up in the homes of fellow officers. One slept at the home of a resident who had telephoned the station to offer the use of her spare bedroom.

A two-way radio caught fire and could not be fixed, and several sets of chains disintegrated; nevertheless, all police cars continued to operate throughout the emergency, and every call was answered.

Police also helped Greenbelters employed in essential occupations to reach their jobs, among them hospital nurses and several district and county policemen.

Of course, a few callers wanted aid that seemed less than essential; the man who expected a police cruiser to take him to an Elks Club meeting in Riverdale; a harried restaurant manager who asked police to bring him his waitress, a Greenbelt resident, because customers were standing around; and a number of ladies who telephoned Monday morning beginning at 4 a.m. to find out whether Klein's was going to be open.

Of three cars reported stolen Monday, two had been impounded by the Maryland state police, and one was just lost. The owner, stuck

## St. Hugh's PTA Postponed

The meeting of the St. Hugh's Home and School Association scheduled for Thursday, February 3, has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on March 17. Ideas and suggestions pertaining to the Parish Council must be submitted to Charles Fuchs, president, no later than February 7.

## PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION

The seventh annual photographic salon will be held at the Lobby of the Commerce Department, 14th and E Sts. N.W., February 8 thru 13.

All photographers living in the Washington metropolitan area are eligible and both color slides and black and white prints will be accepted. All entries must be delivered or mailed to the D. C. Recreation Department, 3149 16th St. N.W. by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 7.

Prizes will be awarded. For contest rules call Powell Allen, AD. 4-2050.

in a snowdrift Sunday, had been picked up by a passing motorist and given a bed for the night; but by morning he had forgotten where he had left his car. Police found it on an expressway ramp.

### Fire and Rescue

Volunteers turned out in force, and many slept at the firehouse, where 18 to 20 were fed around the clock. City crews cleared the firehouse entrance early, and kept it cleared as new snow fell. Two ambulance trips on Sunday, to take two sick Greenbelt women to Prince Georges Hospital, were slow but otherwise uneventful. Doubled ambulance crews, assisted by firemen, dug paths to the doors of the patients. A basement fire in an apartment house on Crescent resulted in little damage—just smoke.

Most of the calls came from outside the city limits, and included the spectacular fire that swept the Bowie Racetrack stables.

### Medical

Only five physicians were able to reach Prince Georges Hospital on Sunday, three of them Greenbelters Till Bergemann, William Weintraub, and Hans Wodak. The hospital encountered few serious problems, with all available personnel pitching in as needed. Hospital administrators worked in the kitchen and carried trays, and many nurses remained at the hospital all night. Nearby roads and entrances were kept cleared, but it was easier for vehicles to approach the hospital than to park once they were there.

Greenbelt's Public Works Dept. kept snow away from the driveways of local physicians, enabling them to make their house calls—although, again, not necessarily to park when they had reached their patients' homes. The medical offices in the Center were open as usual; no medical crises or births in homes were reported. Doctors commented that Greenbelt roads seemed in better condition than many others in the county, an impression borne out Tuesday by a radio report from a traffic control helicopter noting that Greenbelt was the only city in the area with streets that looked clean.

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land. He suggested, as one course, setting up a parking fee schedule that would pay for a special policeman hired by GHI.

Director O'Reilly reported that the city's proposed special assessment resolution was not satisfactory in the eyes of the GHI committee assigned to consider it. The committee felt another meeting with the city was necessary to clarify several points. This negative recommendation was adopted as board policy.

As reported in last week's News Review, the city's attorney advised withdrawal of the appeal filed for reversal of the Smith-Ewing property rezoning. Since GHI's legal counsel agreed to this course, director O'Reilly moved "to concur in the decision that was reached by the counsels for the city and for GHI, to withdraw their appeal in the Smith-Ewing case"; GHI is a party in the suit that was filed.

With respect to the action being taken to release the four lots on which new larger GHI homes are to be built, Breashears and O'Reilly have again met with a FNMA representative and have proposed a payment of \$2719 based on the unpaid part of the mortgage. A formal letter with this estimate, and supporting figures, will be sent to the Philadelphia office of FNMA.

In connection with the board's efforts to obtain rezoning for the North End tract on which townhouses are contemplated, a letter from counsel Alfred Ginsberg advised applying for rezoning in July in line with MNCPPC's ruling. Director O'Reilly, however, bore down hard on a statement in the letter that Greenbelt was "not zoned"; he made the point, taken up also by Schwan and Shinderman, that according to all maps, Greenbelt is zoned RPC (Rural Planned Community) under which a rezoning application for different use is not necessary but one needs only to file an amended plat. O'Reilly moved to ask Ginsberg to (1) review the records to establish what the present zoning is for Greenbelt, and (2) to direct a letter to the County Commissioners giving the result of the review, if it is favorable. In the fervor and excitement of the ensuing discussion this reporter never did find out what happened to the motion!

### First Aid Class To Start

The Standard First Aid Class slated to start last Tuesday will start officially this Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m., at the Greenbelt Firehouse. Postponement was due to the inclement weather. As an-

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Robert L. Olson, Airman Third Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Olson, 38-A Ridge, is now stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. Olson recently completed four weeks of training at the Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, as a fire-protection specialist.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to County Commissioner Frank Lastner, 19-P Ridge, who suffered a mild heart attack last week. Commissioner Lastner will be in Prince Georges Hospital for several weeks (Room K-315).

Mrs. Margaret Swisher is still at Prince Georges Hospital (K-402), and is much improved.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Ruth Williams, 49-D Ridge, who is in Prince Georges Hospital (K-302). Mrs. Williams underwent surgery.

Explorer Troop 746 was caught in the blizzard while on a camping trip at Camp Theodore Roosevelt this past weekend. Advisor, Brian Moore, Associate Advisors, Gary Smith and Albert Felsher, explorers Ray and Tommy Groht, Michael Jones, David Kennedy, Tommy Wertz, Ronald Kolbe, Kevin Furey, Pat Cummings, and Conrad Yunker sought shelter in a Ranger's cabin. The boys, who have returned home, helped lead a stranded Boy Scout troop to safety. All were quite comfortable during their stay and appreciated the hospitality of their ranger-host.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. A. David Spevack, 6220 Breezewood. Pegi Ruth made her debut a January 17, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. She joins a brother Marc Jecrey.

Sp. 4 Joseph W. Rimar, of 14-R Laurel Hill, has completed all of his training phases and is now a full fledged member of the Green Berets. During this training period he qualified as a Para-Medic and is now assigned to the Army Special Forces Group 7, stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Robert Murray, 109 Greenhill, found a half-frozen bird (a suspected mourning dove) at the lake and brought him home for treatment. After several hours on a heating pad and a dinner of seeds, the bird revived and perked up considerably.

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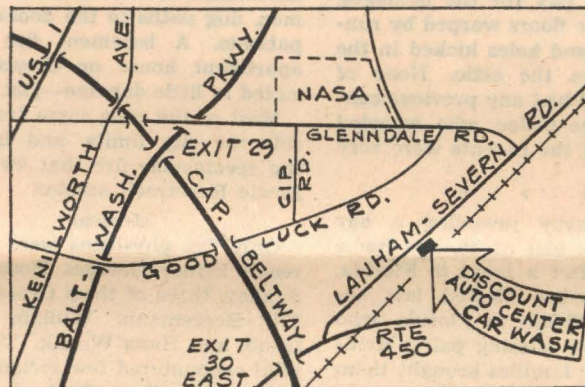
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